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LD:

847

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE LAW

MANNING  
MURRAY  
CARROLL

OTP HOUSE Indef. PP  
SENATE Indef. PP  
GOV  
H-71 HA ROLE H S

SUMMARY:

This bill would have authorized grants beginning July 1, 1986, to municipalities to assist them in automating their general assistance application and administrative procedures. Priority was to be given to projects which have the greatest potential to improve administrative efficiency, reduce paperwork, permit coordination of information needed for various federal and state assistance programs and reduce the potential for fraud. The Committee amendment (H-71) modified the grant program to make it more feasible for smaller Maine communities to also participate in the grant awards. It changed the focus of the grants from solely automation oriented to an orientation in any administrative improvements, including automation. It also required some grants to smaller communities and added a reporting requirement and an appropriation.

LD: 848 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PINES  
MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION'S SEAVEY  
HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MACBRIDE  
CARROLL  
OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 339  
GOV SIGNED  
H-323 CA MAJ REP H S  
H-324 CB MIN REP

SUMMARY:

This bill contained several changes in the Maine Health Care Finance Commission law recommended by the commission's hospital advisory committee. The bill:

1. Modified provisions governing application of restricted gift funds so that hospital capital facilities adjustments are not reduced;
2. Eliminated the requirement that 50% of hospital savings operate to reduce permanently subsequent financial requirements; and
3. Modified provisions governing treatment of certificate of need projects which reduce costs so that a hospital may, with the commission's approval, apply those reductions to other uses.